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BELGRADE FOR USDEL CSCE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EEC, ECE, CSCE, SENV

SUBJ: ECE 33RD SESSION AND HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON
ENVIRONMENT

REFS: (A) STATE 21462 (NOTAL); (B) GENEVA 2533 (NOTAL)

1. EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR RELATIONS WITH
STATE-TRADING COUNTRIES (LOUIS KAWAN) ASKED MISSION
OFFICER FEBRUARY 27 WHETHER USG HAS FURTHER DEVELOPED
ITS VIEWS CONCERNING POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON
ENVIRONMENT IN ECE FRAMEWORK. DRAWING ON REFTELS,
MISSION OFFICER RESPONDED THAT USG PREFERS NOT TO TAKE
ANY FIRM DECISIONS REGARDING POSSIBILITY OR TIMING OF
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SUCH A MEETING UNTIL OUTCOME OF CURRENT BELGRADE DIS-
CUSSIONS ON ALL CSCE-RELATED TOPICS BECOMES CLEARER;
MISSION OFFICER NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT US IS NOT ESTABLISH-
ING DIRECT LINKAGE BETWEEN HIGH-LEVEL MEETING AND PROGRESS
AT BELGRADE.

2. KAWAN INDICATED THAT EC ITSELF HAS NO POSITION ON

HIGH-LEVEL ECE MEETINGS, IN WAKE OF BELGRADE DEBATE OVER PAST MONTHS, BUT THAT INTERNAL DISCUSSION AIMED AT COORDINATING COMMUNITY VIEWS ON POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENT MEETING WILL BEGIN MARCH 13 AT LEVEL OF COREPER DEPUTIES. HE SAID THAT EC PREPARATIONS FOR OVERALL ECE 33RD SESSION WOULD BEGIN SOON THEREAFTER. KAWAN SAID THAT COMMISSION WOULD APPRECIATE BENEFIT OF U.S. VIEWS ON ENVIRONMENT MEETING AND WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IN CONTACT WITH USG CONCERNING THAT AND OTHER ECE TOPICS (ADDING THAT COMMISSION EXPECTS SOVIETS TO PUSH HARD AT 33RD SESSION ON ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION MEETINGS, AS WELL). HE INDICATED THAT EC "WILL DO THE MINIMUM" ON AN ENVIRONMENT MEETING AND EVEN ASKED IF USG HAS ANY IDEAS ON "A WAY TO STOP IT." (COMMENT: THIS LATTER REMARK LIKELY REFLECTS KAWAN'S PERSONAL OPINION, AS HE HAS BEEN ILL-DISPOSED TOWARDS PROPOSED HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS FROM THE OUTSET. END COMMENT.)

3. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT ON RESPONDING TO KAWAN'S REQUEST FOR U.S. VIEWS. HINTON

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